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SUBJECT: JULY 18 PRESS ROUNDUP

PLEASE PASS TO AMB PAUL C. WARNKE

1. WASHINGTON POST PUBLISHED PRAVDA CHARGE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT IN FAVOR OF NEUTRON BOMB WOULD STEP UP ARMS RACE AND HARM U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS.
2. NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED THAT GERMAN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT IN INTERVIEW WITH NORTH GERMAN RADIO, TAPED IN WASHINGTON AND BROADCAST IN BONN, EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SLOW PACE OF SALT-TWO NEGOTIATIONS. SCHMIDT ALSO SAID WEST SHOULD GIVE NEW EMPHASIS TO TROOP REDUCTION TALKS WITH SOVIET UNION SINCE SALT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE STALLED. HE SAID HIS CONCERN OVER PACE OF ARMS TALKS WAS SHARED BY CARTER AND BREZHNEV.

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3. WASHINGTON STAR PUBLISHED UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL DISPATCH FROM GENEVA REPORTING AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG'S NEWS CONFERENCE COMMENT THAT HE OPPOSED NEUTRON BOMB AND THAT IF HE WERE STILL IN CONGRESS HE WOULD WORK TO CONVINCE PRESIDENT NOT TO DEVELOP IT.
4. SYNDICATED COLUMNIST CARL ROWAN, WRITING IN WASHINGTON

STAR, SAID 'NO U.S. COMMANDER OUGHT EVER TO BE DUMB ENOUGH TO THINK THAT WE CAN USE NEUTRON BOMB AGAINST SOVIETS WITHOUT THEIR LAUNCHING NUCLEAR RESPONSE. SO NEUTRON BOMB IN TRUTH ADDS NOTHING IN WAY OF DETERRENCE. IT ADDS ONLY TO AWFUL NOTION THAT LIMITED LITTLE NUCLEAR WAR IS POSSIBLE."

5. MICHAEL GETLER OF WASHINGTON POST IN DISPATCH FROM BONN SAID MAJOR WEST GERMAN POLITICAL FIGURE HAS DESCRIBED CARTER ADMINISTRATION PLANS TO PRODUCE NEUTRON BOMB "SYMBOL OF MENTAL PERVERSION." EGON BAHR, ONCE CHIEF STRATEGIST FOR FORMER CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT AND NOW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF RULING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, ASKED IN WEEKLY PARTY NEWSPAPER VORWAERTS: "IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE LATEST PROGRESS? IS MANKIND GOING CRAZY?" GETLER SAID BAHR'S COMMENTS "ARE FIRST BY MAJOR POLITICAL OFFICIAL WITHIN RULING BONN COALITION TO QUESTION OPENLY POTENTIAL AMERICAN DEPLOYMENT OF MISSILES WITH NEUTRON WARHEADS ON WEST GERMAN SOIL." SCHMIDT, GETLER NOTED, HAS SAID NOTHING PUBLICLY ABOUT WEAPON AND AIDE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF NEUTRON BOMB HAD COME UP IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CARTER AND SCHMIDT IN WASHINGTON.

6. ALTON FRYE, SENIOR FELLOW AT COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, IN ARTICLE ON NEUTRON BOMB RISKS PUBLISHED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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JULY 17 WASHINGTON POST, SAID "AS PRESIDENT DELIBERATES ON THIS SUBJECT, HIS COMMITMENT TO ARMS CONTROL WILL BE VERY MUCH AT STAKE. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOVIETS HAVE BEEN PURSUING ENHANCED RADIATION TECHNIQUES, IT IS CERTAIN THAT THEY WILL DO SO IF U.S. GOES FORWARD WITH TESTING AND PRODUCTION OF NEUTRON WEAPONS. EVERY EXPERIENCE TO DATE INDICATES THAT MOSCOW'S MILITARY AUTHORITIES WILL INSIST ON RETAINING OPTION TO MATCH U.S. TECHNOLOGICALLY. REAL CHOICE CONFRONTING PRESIDENT, THEN, MAY BE WHETHER HE PREFERS NEUTRON BOMB OR COMPREHENSIVE BAN ON NUCLEAR TESTS, WITH ALL THAT IT PORTENDS FOR EFFORT TO CURB PROLIFERATION AND TO CURTAIL SOVIET-AMERICAN STRATEGIC COMPETITION. COINCIDING WITH U.S. MOVEMENT TOWARD CRUISE MISSILE, PROJECTED IMPROVEMENTS IN CAPACITY OF U.S. MISSILES TO STRIKE SOVIET MISSILE SILOS AND GENERAL MALAISE OF DETENTE, NEUTRON BOMB CONTROVERSY INEVITABLY CREATES IMPRESSION THAT TECHNOLOGICAL ARMS RACE IS CONTINUING UNABATED. THAT IS NOT OBJECTIVE TO WHICH CARTER ADMINISTRATION PROCLAIMS ITS DEDICATION."

7. WEEKLY MAGAZINE HUMAN EVENTS IN JULY 16 ISSUE ASKED "DID WARNKE'S PHILOSOPHY SHAPE B-ONE DECISION?" MAGAZINE

SAID "LITTLE HAS BEEN HEARD OF LATE FROM PAUL WARNKE,OUR
CHIEF NEGOTIATOR AT SALT TWO, BUT WARNKE PHILOSOPHY OF

ENTICING SOVIETS INTO SWEET REASONABLENESS WITH UNILATERAL
ARMS CONCESSIONS NOW SEEMS TO HAVE PERMEATED ADMINISTRA-
TION. PRESIDENT CARTER'S CANCELLATION OF B-ONE, A
25 BILLION DOLLAR WEAPONS SYSTEM, FITS NEATLY INTO
WARNKE'S THEORIES (SPELLED OUT MOST CLEARLY IN HIS
CELEBRATED ARTICLE, 'APES ON TREADMILL'). HUMAN EVENTS
SAID REPORTED "SAVINGS" RESULTING FROM SCRAPPING OF B-ONE
ACTUALLY NOT VERY MUCH MONEY "CONSIDERING THAT B-ONE IS
TESTED AND PROVED WEAPON, WHEREAS AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE
MISSILE -- PROMISING AS IT IS -- IS STILL IN FAIRLY
PRIMITIVE STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT." MAGAZINE SAID CRUISE
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MISSILE "AT TODAY'S STATE OF PERFECTION -- COULD NOT REACH
MOST OF IMPORTANT MILITARY TARGETS WITHIN SOVIET UNION.
INDEED, SOME ANALYSTS BELIEVE THAT UNDER CRUISE MISSILE
RANGE LIMITATIONS WE HAVE PROPOSED AT SALT TWO, U.S.
CRUISE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO HIT MOST OF KEY SOVIET
TARGETS. BUT THESE AREN'T ONLY REASONS THAT B-ONE CAN-
CELLATION IS VIEWED AS MAJOR NOT IN DIRECTION OF WARNKE'S
UNILATERAL CONCESSION PHILOSOPHY. WHAT HAS ASTOUNDED
SOME MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY COMMUNITY IS THAT
PRESIDENT, EVEN ASSUMING HIS REASONING WAS EUCLIDEAN,
DIDN'T AT LEAST USE B-ONE AS GILT-EDGED BARGAINING CHIP
IN SALT TWO NEGOTIATIONS. HOW, IT IS ASKED, COULD HE JUST
YIELD 25 BILLION DOLLAR WEAPONS SYSTEM AND ASK NOTHING IN
RETURN FROM SOVIETS? WHEN DEFENSE SECRETARY BROWN WAS
ASKED ABOUT 'BARGAINING CHIP' ASPECTS OF CANCELLATION, HE
TOLD REPORTERS THAT IT 'DID NOT REALLY ENTER INTO THIS
DECISION.' BUT THAT SHOULDN'T BE SO SURPRISING WHEN IT IS
REALIZED THAT WARNKE HAS BEEN SOLID OPPONENT OF 'BARGAIN-
ING CHIP' APPROACH IN DEALING WITH SOVIETS." VANCE

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